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STORAGE SYSTEMS

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated August 8, 2002, in which the Examiner rejected claims 1-27 as obvious (35 U.S.C. §) in view of cited prior art. Applicants traverse the prior art rejections for the reasons discussed herein.